



November 9, 2009

Emma Forkner, Director  
South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services  
Department of Health & Human Services  
1801 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Ms. Forkner:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to renew South Carolina's Home and Community-Based Waiver for Children with Pervasive Developmental Disabilities (PDD), as authorized under provisions of section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, has been approved. This waiver renewal has been assigned control number 0456.R01, which should be used in future correspondence. The waiver request is effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

Specifically, you submitted a renewal request to continue to provide Case Management and Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI).

The following estimates of utilization and cost of waiver services have been approved:

	Unduplicated Recipients	Factor D	Total Waiver Costs
Year 1 (1/1/10 – 12/30/10)	700	\$35,542	\$21,440,300
Year 2 (1/1/11 – 12/30/11)	770	\$36,521	\$24,224,970
Year 3 (1/1/12 – 12/30/12)	847	\$37,540	\$27,381,816
Year 4 (1/1/13 – 12/30/13)	932	\$38,611	\$30,982,482
Year 5 (1/1/14 – 12/30/14)	1025	\$39,735	\$35,061,150

We appreciate the effort and cooperation provided by your staff during our review of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kimberly Adkins-McCoy at (404) 562-7159.

Sincerely,

Mary Kaye Justis, RN, MBA  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

## **CMS Approved Changes to the PDD Waiver Effective January 1, 2010**

The following minor changes to the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) Waiver were approved by CMS. No services were reduced.

### **Case Management**

- **Qualifications: This change creates consistency with other case management requirements**

Case Managers must hold at least a Bachelor's degree in Social Work or a related field from an accredited college or university **or** must hold at least a Bachelor's degree in an unrelated field from an accredited college or university and have at least one year of experience in programs with disabilities or have at least one year of experience in a case management program and demonstrate knowledge of disabilities. An official college transcript must be present in the Case Manager's personnel record to verify educational level.

- **Record Keeping and Documentation: This change creates consistency with other management requirements**

All Case Management activities must be documented in the participant's waiver record. Documentation must include the following: name and title of contact person, type of contact, location of contact, purpose of contact, intervention or services provided, the outcome, needed follow-up, and the date and signature of the Case Manager.

### **Service Specification**

- **Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI): This change separated the Assessment from Program Development and Training**

EIBI service now has five distinct components: (1) Assessment, (2) Program Development and Training, (3) Plan Implementation, (4) Lead Therapy Intervention, and (5) Line Therapy.

### **Authorizing/Billing**

- **Authorizing Service and Billing for Assessment, Program Development and Training: This change separated the Assessment from Program Development and Training**

Once a provider is selected by the parent/responsible party, the Case Manager will first authorize just the Assessment. Once completed, the provider may bill Medicaid for this service. The Case Manager will then authorize Program Development and Training. Once the provider completes these two tasks, they may bill Medicaid for payment.